

Appendix 47 ▪ Medical Abbreviations

abd	abdominal	ARF	acute renal failure
ABG	arterial blood gas	AS	left ear (auris sinistra)
ABX	antibiotic	ASA	aspirin
ac	before meals	AU	both ears (auris utraque)
ADA	American Diabetes Association	aud	auditory
ADL	Activities of daily living	BG	blood glucose
AFB	acid-fast bacillus	BID	twice a day
afeb	afebrile	bilat	bilateral
afib	atrial fibrillation	B/K	below knee
AKA	above knee amputation	BJA	below knee amputation
AMA	against medical advice	BLE	bilateral lower extremities
AMI	Acute myocardial infarction	BM	bowel movement
amb	ambulates/ambulatory	BMI	Body Mass Index
amp	amputation	BP	blood pressure
ant	anterior	BPH	benign prostatic hypertrophy
a/o	alert and oriented	BR	bathroom
AP	apical pulse	BS	bedside
A&P	anterior and posterior	BSA	body surface area
A-P repair	anterior-posterior repair	BSC	bedside commode
Appy	Appendectomy (removal of the appendix)	BSE	breast self-exam

BUE	both upper extremities	COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
Bx	biopsy	CP	chest pain, cerebral palsy
C	Caucasian	CPR	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
c	with	CRF	chronic renal failure
Ca	calcium, cancer	CT	chest tube
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft	CVA	cerebral vascular accident
CAD	coronary artery disease	Cx	cervix
CAT	computerized tomography scan	CXR	chest x-ray
cath	catheter	D/C	discontinue, discharge
CBC	complete blood count	DJD	degenerative joint disease
CC	chief complaint	DM	diabetes mellitus
cc	cubic centimeters	DNR	do not resuscitate
CCU	coronary care unit	DOB	date of birth
CG	caregiver	d/t	due to
chemo	chemotherapy	DT's	delirium tremens
CHF	congestive heart failure	Dx	diagnosis
Chole	cholecystectomy (removal of gallbladder)	Echo	echocardiogram
CMS	circulation, motion, sensation	ED	emergency department
CNS	central nervous system	EENT	eye, ear, nose and throat
c/o	complains of	EGD	esophagogastroduodenoscopy

EKG	electrocardiogram	HRT	hormone replacement therapy
ESRD	end stage renal disease	hs	bedtime, (hour of sleep)
ETOH	alcohol	ht	height
FBS	fasting blood sugar	HTN	hypertension
Fe	iron (ferrous sulfate)	Hx	history
F/U	follow up	HZV	herpes zoster virus
FWB	full weight bearing	H₂O	water
Fx	fracture	IADL	Instrumental activities of daily living
GB	gallbladder	IBD	inflammatory bowel disease
GERD	gastro-esophageal reflux disease	IBS	irritable bowel syndrome
GI	gastrointestinal	ICF	Intermediate Care Facility
gtt	drops	ICU	Intensive Care Unit
GU	genitourinary	IDDM	insulin-dependant diabetes mellitus
GYN	gynecology	IM	intramuscular
HA	headache	IJ	injection
Hb	Hemoglobin	I&O	intake and output
H & P	history and physical	IPPB	intermittent positive pressure breathing
HEENT	head, eye, ear, nose, throat	IV	intravenous
HHA	home health agency	KCl	potassium chloride
HHN	hand-held nebulizer	KUB	kidney, ureter, bladder
HOB	head of bed		
HOH	hard of hearing		

L	left	NIDDM	non-insulin dependant diabetes mellitus
LLE	left lower extremity	NKDA	no known drug allergies
LLQ	left lower quadrant	NKA	no known allergies
LOC	level of consciousness	NKMA	no known medication allergies
LUE	left upper extremity	noc	night (nocturnally)
LUQ	left upper quadrant	NPO	nothing by mouth (nulla per ora)
mammo	mammogram	NSAID	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
met	metastasis	nsq	nursing
mEq	milliequivalents	NTG	nitroglycerin
mg	milligram	N&V	nausea and vomiting
MI	myocardial infarction	NWB	non-weight bearing
ml	milliliter	OBS	organic brain syndrome
MmHg	millimeters of Mercury	OD	right eye (oculus dexter)
MOM	milk of magnesia	OD	overdose
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging	OS	left eye (oculus sinister)
MS	morphine sulfate, multiple sclerosis	oob	out of bed
MVA	motor vehicle accident	ORIF	open reduction internal fixation
N/A	not applicable	OTC	over the counter
nc	nasal cannula	oz	ounce
neb	nebulizer	O₂	Oxygen
NF	Nursing Facility	O₂ Sat	oxygen saturation
NG	nasogastric		

p	after	ROM	range of motion
PCP	Primary Care Physician	Rx	prescription
PERL	pupils equal, react to light	S:	subjective
PMD	Primary Medical Doctor	— s	without
PO	by mouth (per os)	SBP	systolic blood pressure
prn	as needed (pro re nata)	SL	sublingual (under the tongue)
PT	physical therapy, prothrombin time	SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
PTT	partial thromboplastin time	SOAP	subjective, objective, assessment plan
PUD	peptic ulcer disease	SOB	shortness of breath
Pulm	pulmonary	SOBOE	short of breath on exertion
PVD	peripheral vascular disease	s/p	status post
PWB	partial weight bearing	SQ	subcutaneous
q	every (quaque)	SR	slow release
qd	every day (quaque die)	SS	signs and symptoms
qid	four times a day (quater in die)	ss	sliding scale
qh	every hour (quaque hora)	ST	speech therapy
qod	every other day	STAT	immediately
quad	quadriplegic	subq	subcutaneous
R	right	Sx	symptoms
R/O	rule out	T	temperature
		TB	tuberculosis

tab	tablet	w/o	without
TIA	transient ischemic attack	wt	weight
tid	three times a day (ter in die)	x	times (multiple)
TKR	total knee replacement	XR	x-ray
TPR	temperature, pulse, respirations	2°	secondary to, or due to
trach	tracheostomy	↓	decreased
TURP	Trans Urethral Resection of the Prostate	↑	increased
		→	leads to, results in
Tx	treatment	Ⓐ	left
Tyl	Tylenol	Ⓑ	right
UA	urinalysis	>	greater than
UE	upper extremity	<	less than
ungt	ointment (unguentum)		
unk	unknown		
URI	Upper Respiratory Infection		
UTI	urinary tract infection		
VS	vital signs		
w/	with		
WBAT	weight bearing as tolerated		
WBC	white blood count		
w/c	wheelchair		
wnl	within normal limits		